

Emma Parkinson Eliason of Alameda, California relates that when she was not yet four years of age her family were living in Grantsville, Utah. Her mother Sarah Hill Parkinson, had very bad teeth, so when Dr. Clark, a dentist, made his yearly rounds in the summer with his horse and buggy, arrangements were made for him to bring his dental equipment to their home. This equipment was packed in a small bag and was a great curiosity to the children. The following story is told in her own words:

"Mother was going to have her teeth pulled. Outside the house a kitchen chair had been placed in the coolest shade. Neighbors were there to help, as well as our own family, but mother's pain and distress were severe as there was no anesthetic. I stood horrified as Dr. Clark produced forceps from his bag and pulled eighteen teeth all at one sitting with much blood and suffering and mother in a stage of partial collapse.

"After the operation mother was lifted from the straight-backed chair and carried to her bedroom where a cup of tea was administered by one of our kind neighbors. I remember mother lying very pale and sick and she was confined to her bed for three weeks.

"It was one year after the extractions before mother's mouth was considered ready for her 'store teeth'. Dr. Clark not only pulled teeth but also made the dentures. That was the line of work he had studied. We children gathered around and marveled when mother put in the new set. We loved them, too, for they made mother look her young, sweet self again."—*Mildred Pearce Morgan*

WASATCH COUNTY

There were no registered dentists in the very early days of Heber or Provo Valley. Bishop John Watkins and Hiram North of Midway, and William Wright of Charleston, pulled aching or decayed teeth with forceps or pincers. Many of the pioneers of the valley went to them for help and the extraction was done as a neighborly act of kindness. Emily Coleman tells of her little brother suffering with an aching tooth. She was instructed to take the little boy to the home of Hiram North and have his tooth pulled.

Elisha Jones, Sr., came to Heber from Provo. He was the first pioneer dentist of Heber. The instrument he used was a small pair of pincers. In 1864 he established the trade of blacksmithing. His daughter, Eliza Moulton, now eighty-four years of age, says that her father took the files he was unable to use for blacksmithing work, filed them and made knives of them.

Early licensed dentists were Dr. William Sessions, Dr. Westphal, Dr. Brigham Witt, Dr. Charles Wherritt, Dr. Sabin and Dr. Harold R. Read. Dr. Brigham Witt was one of Provo Valley's native pioneers. He went away to learn dentistry and returned to make his home in

Heber where he practiced dentistry for many years. Many of the older people of the valley are still wearing the dentures made by him. Dr. Read practiced in that area for many years. He passed away May 16, 1944.

The first Drug Store was opened in Heber in 1889 under the management of Richard Bridge, Sr. When he and his family moved to Salt Lake county, drugs were sold in the same building by Turner brothers. William Flider came to Heber and opened a drugstore which he operated for a few years.—*Ethel D. Johnson*

WEBER COUNTY

Dr. Jesse Jeans Murphy and family came into the Salt Lake Valley in March 1869. They soon moved to Ogden where they located building a home on the corner of what is now Washing Avenue and 29th Street. Dr. Murphy was a graduate of the University of South Carolina and was also a registered pharmacist. He opened a drug store on the present location of 25th and Kiesel Avenue in conjunction with a book, candy and tobacco store. On his drug counter he had three different sizes of scales which he used in weighing and measuring various drugs. Dr. Murphy was one of the first registered pharmacists in Ogden, Utah.

—*Eva Murphy Pugh*



Dr. Jesse Jeans Murphy

As in other frontier communities dentists were almost unheard of in Weber County in early days. Amos P. Stone, though not a dentist, made forceps in his blacksmith shop for pulling teeth before trained dentists arrived in Ogden. He pulled not only his own teeth and those of his family but relieved friends and neighbors of aching teeth.

Dr. William Ludlow McIntyre also served as a dentist, pulling teeth with an old fashioned turnkey while his wife held the patient's head.

E. M. Felshaw first came to Ogden in 1882 and opened an office but after two years of prosperous business moved to Park City where